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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

## Does Kennedy Hesitate Too Much? bassador James Loeb had ar when he instructed Major worries about votes, some

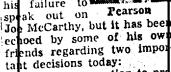
By Drew Pearson

debates have punctuated Elea-Roosevelt's one-time state-

ment: "I wish Mr. Kennedy 1058 profile and more courage."

Mark :

irs Roose 's remark veil's ferred to j∦K's book∛ "Profiles in Courage" and his failure to



vent the march of Latin Amer ican dictators.

munist nations.

Here is the inside story:
The march of the dictators probably dates back to Mr Rennedy's extension of a \$100 million credit to the Argentian military after they had kicked out the civilian president. The U.S. Ambassador had warned that the credit would be will drawn if civilian rule was toppled, but Mr. Kennedy wert shead with the credit anyway.

It was close friend Cabinet officers chiefly concerned, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and Secretary of Commerce Lucture Hodges and Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon istration. There is that recommended by the State Department, and that put into effect was doubtful—Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon only one Cabinet member was doubtful—Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon on the Treasury Douglas head with the credit anyway.

If this did not start he narch of dictators, certainly Chief John H. Richardson one-time mayor of Cleveland, like Silv wink at the Periliforn Saigon because he had biggest Hungarian city in the later did. For after U.S. Am. sador Henry Cabot Lodge and This gave JFK who always the later did. For after U.S. Am. ater did. For after U.S. A

President Prado's gates with CIA than to his diplomats. sherman tanks anyway, Mr. ground right out from under almost nothing and the march his Ambassador.

He removed Loeb because he Peruvian military didn't Vacillation on Wheat

## Two Foreign Policies

State Rusk and Assistant advised that the sale of wheat it, those two countries would and flour to Czechoslovakia, be Communist today.

Secretary Ed Martin had adSecretary Ed Martin had adBulgaria and Hungary and to the societ should be OK'd. Meanwhile, Secretary of the new Peruvian regime. 2. The sale of wheat to Cont. policy, however, the wise Peru-While they were advising this minist nations.
In regard to both, the Preston, Fernando Berckemeyer, dent has hesitated, delayed and looked to Congress for contrary. He got his informatical derishin.

n sador Henry Cabot Lodge and This gave JFK, who always

glied himself blue in the face Gen. Theodore Bogart to back pause. He also worker, about Two inside Administration warning the Peruvian military up American Ambassador to Republican leaders in Conthey must respect the Peru-Honduras Charles R. Burrows, gress. So he instructed his vian elections, and after the JFK appeared to be listening Cabinet members to hold a military had battered down more to the military and the series of hearings with Con-

As a result, what the U.S.

nite advice from the State De- had waited for Congress to partment. Secretary Rusk and OK his aid to Greece and Turhis East European experts all key before going ahead with advised that the sale of wheat it, those two countries would

It would help the drain on trade with these countries, the State Department recommended.

This was seconded by three tion from JFK's close friend Cabinet officers chiefly con-

had in mind Hungarians, Pol-

gress to try to win its approval. This was done. Con-Kennedy proceeded to cut the Ambassador says has meant gress did not oppose; however, GOP leaders indicated they would not pass a resolution of approval. They were neutral.

So JFK continued to hesiike him, and kept him dan-gling without a job for one to Communist-bloc countries, tate until his announcement year.

Regarding the sale of wheat So JFK continued to hesi-tate until his announcement the President also had defi-